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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AEROLINEAS PURCHASE OF BOEING 747; US-GOA
BILATERAL TALKS.

1. DURING CALL JULY 14 ON SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS CAMBA, SECRETARY TOLD AMBASSADOR AND ECOM COUNS IN CONFIDENCE THAT ECONOMY MINISTRY AND ALL OTHER GOA AGENCIES CONCERNED HAD AGREED TO AUTHORIZE INITIAL PURCHASE OF ONE 747 BY AEROLINEAS. MINISTER MARTINEZ DE HOZ IS EXPECTED TO SIGN DECREE IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM EUROPE JULY 23/24. ORIGINAL AEROLINEAS PLAN WAS TO INITIATE SERVICE ON EUROPEAN RUNS AND THEN TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT WITH U.S., AND WE BELIEVE THAT IS STILL THEIR INTENTION.

2. CAMBA THOUGHT GOA WOULD BE READY FOR NEXT ROUND BILATERAL TALKS SOMETIME WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS. HE NOTED THAT GOA STILL HAMPERED IN BILATERAL RELATIONS BY ANTIQUATED AND UNREALISTIC CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT LEGISLATION, WHICH PRESENT GOVERNMENT HOPES EVENTUALLY TO AMEND. NEVERTHELESS, HE ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT GOA NOW COULD BE COUNTED UPON TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO ANY CIVIL AIR QUESTION IN OPEN, UNDERSTANDING
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AND COOPERATIVE WAY. IN REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, HE

SAID HE FULLY AWARE OF BRANIFF 9TH FREQUENCY APPEAL AND THAT
HE GIVING HIS CASE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. (WE NOT
OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT DECISION WILL BE MADE BEFORE NEXT
BILATERAL ROUND.)

3. AMBASSADOR INQUIRED WHETHER GOA DID NOT HAVE INTEREST IN
EXTENSION OF AIR FRANCE CONCORDE EUROPEAN SERVICE BEYOND
RIO TO BUENOS AIRES. CAMBA SAID - AGAIN IN CONFIDENCE -
THAT QUESTIONS BOTH OF CONVENIENCE AND NATIONAL PRESTIGE WERE
INVOLVED, AND SINCE AEROLINEAS HAD NO POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING
CONCORDE, GOA HOPED AIR FRANCE WOULD EXTEND SERVICE. GOA
APPROVAL WOULD BE GIVEN IF NO PROBLEMS DEVELOPED.

4. LOCAL PANAM AND BRANIFF REPS INFORMED.
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